GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS DAMAGED IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various steps taken to repair the National Highways damaged in various parts of Gujarat after the recent earthquake;

(b) whether some of the areas are still inaccessible from the roads in the State; and

(c) if so, the action taken to repair the roads quickly and to restore traffic ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Immediate steps were taken to repair the damages to National Highways to restore the traffic. This Ministry in addition to funds of Rs. 38.164 crores allocated to the State Government for maintenance and repairs for the current year has earmarked an amount of Rs. 2.64 crores for the repair work of immediate nature.

(b)&(c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of the National Highways. Immediate repairs were carried out and there is no disruption to traffic on National Highways in Gujarat.